

REMARKS

Claims 1, 11, 21, 29, 30, 42, 47 and 60 have been amended to further clarify the subject matter required as the invention.

Three different Groups are set forth in the Restriction Requirement as follows:

- I: Claims 1-29, drawn to a gaming apparatus and a method of playing a tournament game using a tournament game card, classified in class 463, subclass 16.
- II: Claims 30-41, drawn to a method of playing a time-based wagering game, classified in class 463, subclass 25.
- III. Claims 42-60, drawn to a gaming apparatus and a method of playing a game using a player tracking card with time-credited information, classified in class 463, subclass 25.

The Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I (i.e., claims 1-29).

Further, the Applicant respectfully submits that it would not be a serious burden to examine all the pending claims because the subject matter of all claims is closely related and all claims fall under the same class (i.e., class 463). In fact, claims 30-41 (Group II) and claims 42-60 (Group III) are both classified under the same subclass (i.e., subclass 25 of class 463). As such, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner at least combine groups II and III into one single group.

It is believed that no fees are due at this time. If any fees are due in connection with this Response to Restriction Requirement or for this application in general, however, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0388 (Order No. IGT1P280). If there are any questions or issues

remaining, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,
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